



**Salem Free Public Library's  
Summer Events 2023  
Call 860-859-1130 to register.**



## **Children & Family Programs**

**Draw Your Dreams Story Time:** Thursday, July 6, 2023 @ 10:30 a.m. The program will be held outside, weather permitting. The program includes a reading of *The Chalk Garden* and a chalk activity on the sidewalk. Presented by Miss Veronique!

**Nature Journaling:** Saturday, July 8, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. Presented by the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. Learn about the world around you and engage your creativity with nature journaling! Kids will start their own nature journal with activities such as plant pressing, nature observation, drawing and more. Ages 6+, limited to 30 participants.

**Dancin' with Hoops!:** Tuesday, July 12, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m. Hooping fun for **all ages** with Judi Jones of Creative Dance Parties. The program will be held on the library's front lawn, if weather permits. It will be held inside if it rains or is too hot!

**Author Story Time:** Tuesday, July 18, 2023 @ 10:30 a.m. Author, Deb Adamson, will read from her book, *Bing, Bang, Pling!* The book is about a young girl helping her mom and dad build a swing set. In simple rhyming verse, children learn the names and sounds of the different tools and what they are used for as each tool has a job to do. Suitable for ages 3-7.

**Salem Rocks! Rock Painting:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m. Come paint a rock! Draw patterns, a kind message or a reason why Salem rocks! Suitable for ages 7+, limited to 15 participants.

**The Whalemobile:** Thursday, July 27, 2023 from 1:30-3:30. This program will be held at the **Salem School Gymnasium**. There will be different sessions of 30 minutes each, for a maximum of 20 participants per session. When participants come to the event for their 30-minute selected time slot, they will go inside Nile—the life-sized inflatable humpback whale, learn about how whales and humans are similar and different, and have a chance to touch baleen, teeth and bones. There will also be another station set up that patrons can interact with, play games or color pictures! Per the Whalemobile guidelines, limited to children ages 6 and up. Parents must register if they would like to go inside Nile!

**Family Story Time with Miss Tristan:** 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays on the following dates: June 27; July 25; August 1 & August 8. The story time includes a story and a craft.

**Puppet Pals Workshop:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. Presented by the 4-H Extension Center. Participants will learn about self-worth and positive self-esteem by watching the original puppet production of “King Razzle’s Dazzle.” They will then have time to design and construct their very own puppet creation! Limited to 20 participants, ages 6-12.

**Dolly Day:** Saturday August 5, 2023 @ 12 noon. Celebrating Dolly Parton! Miss Hannah will be reading *A Coat of Many Colors* followed by a craft. Ages 5+.

**Sounds of Nature:** Monday August 7, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m. Presented by the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. Sounds of nature are music to our ears! Meet some of the DPNC’s animal friends who love to make interesting noises, and learn how and why animals communicate with each other. Suitable for ages 4 & up.

**For Kids! \*STEM Kits:** These will be available throughout the summer, while supplies last! Kits are prepared by the 4H/UCONN Extension Center.

## **Teen/Adult Programs**



**Art Class: Paper Quilling:** Saturday, July 15, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. Learn the fine art of paper quilling! Quilling is the art form that involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped and glued together to make decorative art. Taught by staff member, Miss Tristan. Limited to 15 participants, ages 13+.

**Growing Mushrooms Outdoors:** Monday, July 17, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m. \*Second workshop for those on the waiting list from the last class. Intensive 1 ½ hour workshop presented by Mark Gostkiewicz of Tri Lea Gable Farm. You will learn how to grow shitake, oyster and wine cap mushrooms, the lifecycle and needs of fungi, tools needed, safety issues and more! Limited to 10 adults. **Class is full. Waiting list only.**

**The American Chestnut:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Presented by Fred Behringer, Vice President of the American Chestnut Foundation. Come learn about the environmental and economic value that the American chestnut once provided, the pathogen that resulted in its demise and what is being done to restore this valuable tree.

**Garden Harvest Potluck & Recipe Exchange:** Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come celebrate your garden's success by sharing your favorite dishes and recipes. Learn different preservation techniques, like fridge pickles! Sample heirloom tomato varieties and vote for your favorite. We will be raffling off another compost bin at the end of July, so get your ticket at the event!

**The Language of Flowers:** Saturday, August 5, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. Presented by Pamela Gray of Winter Bee Garden. Learn the meaning of flowers and create a bouquet to convey your message. Limited to 10 participants, ages 13+.

**The Carroll Sisters:** Monday, August 14, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Celtic fiddle concert with the Carroll Sisters, Emilie and Nora Carroll. They are known for their lively traditional tunes, beautiful harmonies and unique musical arrangements.

**Raise the Coop: The Ultimate Guide to Backyard Chicken Keeping-**Wednesday, August 16, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Presented by Mark Gostkiewicz of Tri Gable Lea Farm. You will learn how to start and maintain a healthy flock of chickens, all while using sustainable and organic practices. Limited to 10 participants, teen to adult.

**Art Class: Still Life Drawing Class:** Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Please bring your own materials. A small amount of materials will be provided, but this is an opportunity to use your preferred medium. Presented by staff member, Hannah K. Limited to 10 people.

**Beekeeping 101:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. This class is an introduction to beekeeping, not an intensive workshop. Presented by Caitlin Stevenson of Stonewall Apiary. Limited to 30 attendees.

**Dahlia Bouquet Workshop:** Saturday, September 16, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. Presented by Pamela Gray of Winter Bee Garden. Limited to 10 participants, ages 13+

## **Adult programs, cont.**

**Life on the High Seas**-Saturday, September 9, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.-Norwich native, Allison Black, spends weeks at a time each year at sea searching for marine life as a contracted Seabird/Marine Mammal Observer for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Join us for her presentation where she'll talk about life aboard a research vessel, the research she contributes to, and what we can learn from studying marine animal occupancy and distribution. She'll also speak about related careers in marine biology and share tips and tricks for seawatching from a boat.